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Begun at *Edinburgh*, upon *Thursday* the 13th Day of *May* 1736, and concluded the 26th Day of the same Month and Year.

I.

The King's Commission to William *Marquis of* Lothian *produced, and ordered to be recorded.*

At Edinburgh, *13th* May, 1736, Sess. 1.

THE General Assembly of this National Church being convened and constituted, there was produced to them by the most Honourable *William* Marquis of *Lothian*, His Majesty's Commission, sealed with the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union, to be kept and used in *Scotland*, in Place of the Great Seal of *Scotland*, making and constituting him his Majesty's High Commissioner and Representative in this Assembly, of the same Tenor with the Commissions granted to his Lordship in the Years 1732, 1733, 1734, and 1735; which Commission being publickly read with all due Honour and Respect, was appointed to be recorded in the Books of Assembly.

II.

The KING's *most Gracious Letter to the General Assembly, presented to them by his Majesty's Commissioner,* May 13. 1736, Sess. 1.

GEORGE R.

RIGHT Trusty and Well-beloved, We greet you well. We are so well satisfied of your Loyalty, and of your Affection to Us and Our Royal Family, and your zealous Adherence to those Principles, which make the Security of Our Government, has so manifestly appeared in your former Assemblies, that We most willingly approve and countenance with Our Royal Authority your present Meeting, not doubting but you will come together with the same good Disposition, and that the same Spirit of Moderation and Unanimity will influence all your Deliberations, which We particularly recommend to you, as what will most effectually contribute to the attaining the desireable Ends, for which you are convened; and We, with Pleasure, renew upon this Occasion the Assurances We have formerly given you of Our Resolution to maintain inviolably the Church of *Scotland* in the Enjoyment of its Rights and Privileges, as established by Law.

We have nothing more at Heart than the promoting of true Religion and Virtue, the suppressing of Vice and Immorality, and the preventing the Growth of Popery; and as every Thing that may any ways tend to the Accomplishment of those good Purposes, must contribute to the Quiet and Happiness of that Church, of which you are Members, and to the Well-fare of your Country, We persuade ourselves you will always pursue those Measures that may best conduce thereto, wherein you may entirely depend upon our Concurrence and Support.

We have again made Choice of Our right trusty and entirely beloved Cousin *William* Marquis of *Lothian*, to represent our Royal Person in this Assembly, whose known Abilities to discharge that great Trust, and the Affection and Concern which you have experienced in him for the Church of *Scotland*, will, we doubt not, render him very acceptable to you; and so We bid you heartily farewell.

Given

Given at Our Court at St. *James's* the 28th Day of *April* 1736, in the Ninth Year of our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

Directed thus,

To the Right Reverend and Well-beloved, The Moderator, Ministers and Elders of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

III.

The General Assembly's Answer to the King's most Gracious Letter.

Edinburgh, May 15th, 1736. Sess. 3.

May it please your Majesty,

WE account it the great Honour of this Church, that your Majesty is graciously pleased in your Letter to us, to signify that your Majesty is well satisfied with the Evidences given by former Assemblies, of the Loyalty and good Affection of this National Church to your Majesty, and your Royal Family, and with our zealous Adherence to those Principles, which make the Security of your Majesty's Government, that has always been, and still is very much at Heart with us; and that your Majesty does therefore most willingly approve and countenance with your Royal Authority our present Meeting; and your Majesty's favourable Sentiments, with respect to the good Disposition of this present Assembly, and your Recommendation to us, do lay us under the strongest Obligations, to study Moderation and Unanimity in all our Deliberations, as what will most effectually contribute to the attaining the desireable

Ends for which we are conveened. And we are thankful that your Majeſty does with Pleaſure renew your Royal Aſſurances, of your Reſolution to maintain inviolably the Rights and Privileges of the Church of *Scotland*, eſtabliſhed by Law; humbly hoping, that our Endeavours to obtain the Redreſs of that Grievance, occaſioned by an Act of Parliament, in relation to Patronage, paſt in Prejudice of this Church, in the 10th Year of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, may yet prove ſucceſsful.

It affords great Satisfaction to us, that we have ſuch Aſſurances from your Majeſty, That you have nothing more at Heart than the promoting of true Religion and Virtue, the ſuppreſſing of Vice and Immorality, and the preventing the Growth of Popery, of which we have had repeated Proofs in your Majeſty's pious and charitable Donations, for the Reformation of the Highlands and Iſlands, which have already, by the Bleſſing of God, had good Effects for promoting the Knowledge of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and preventing the Growth of Popery in theſe Parts; and we have Ground to hope, ſhall ſtill produce more: And it is our Reſolution always, as in Duty bound, carefully to employ the ſame, for advancing theſe excellent Purpoſes, for which your Majeſty has thought fit to grant them.

And as the Accompliſhment of theſe good Purpoſes your Majeſty has in View, muſt contribute to the Quiet and Happineſs of our Church, and to the Welfare of our Country, your Majeſty may firmly believe that we will make it our Study, thro' Divine Aſſiſtance, to purſue ſuch Meaſures as may beſt conduce thereto, being greatly encouraged to it by the Royal Promiſe your Majeſty has been pleaſed to give us, of your Concurrence and Support therein.

We take it as a further Evidence of your Majeſty's Favour to us, that you have been pleaſed again to make Choice of the moſt Honourable the Marquis of *Lothian*, to repreſent your Royal Perſon in this Aſſembly: His known Abilities to diſcharge that great Truſt, and the Experience we have of his Affection and Concern for the Church of *Scotland*, do render him moſt acceptable to us.

That the Great God, by whom Kings reign, may graciouſly bleſs and preſerve your Majeſty, and influence your Councils; and that he may pour down his beſt Bleſſings upon your Royal Conſort the Queen, their Royal Highneſſes the Prince and Princeſs of *Wales*, and all the reſt of your Royal Family; and that there may always be a Proteſtant

Prince

Prince of your Majesty's Issue, to sway the Scepter over us, are, and shall be the fervent Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in the National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, by,

LAUCHLAN M'INTOSH, Moderator.

IV.

An Address to the King, on Occasion of the Marriage of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Edinburgh, May 15th, 1736.

To the KING's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most faithful, and most loyal Subjects, the Ministers and Elders now met in a National Assembly of the Church of *Scotland*, beg Leave to offer to your Majesty our most sincere and unanimous Congratulations, on the joyful Occasion of the Marriage of his Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales* with the most serene Princess *Augusta* of *Saxe-Gotha*.

As the Church of *Scotland* has never failed to give convincing Proofs of her Loyalty to your Majesty, and of her steddy Attachment to the Protestant Succession in your most august House; so it cannot but fill our Hearts with Joy and Gratitude, when we reflect on the Goodness of God, and your Majesty's fatherly Care and Wisdom, in thus providing for the lasting Continuance of those invaluable Blessings, secured to your People by the happy Revolution, and the Settlement of the Crown in the Protestant Line.

We may expect through the Favour of GOD, from this auspicious Alliance, that there will never be wanting Princes, Descendants of your Majesty, to support and assert the Protestant Cause against Popery and arbitrary Power, and to prove in their Day what the *Magnanimous* Elector of *Saxony* was in his, and your Majesty is in ours.

That a rich Increase of Comforts may flow upon your Majesty from this desireable Event: That all Felicities may be poured out on their Royal Highnesses, and all your Royal Family: That your Majesty may long be preserved for a Blessing to your People, blest by them, and by all the Protestant Churches, till after all earthly Joy and Prosperity an eternal Crown is conferred upon you; and that your Majesty's Royal Offspring may to the End of Time fill the Throne of these Realms, is and shall be, to the Almighty GOD, the earnest Prayer of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in the National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, by

LAUCHLAN M'INTOSH, Modr.

V.

Act about praying for the Royal Family.

Edinburgh, May 18*th*, 1736, Sess. 5.

THE General Assembly considering, that it hath pleased God to bless this Nation with an Addition to the Royal Family, by the happy Marriage of his Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, do therefore enjoin all the Ministers of this Church, That they pray for her Royal Highness the Princess of *Wales*, as well as for his Majesty King *George*, his Royal Consort the Queen, his Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, the Duke, the Princesses, and all the Royal Family; and that her Royal Highness the Princess of *Wales* be named immediately after the Prince.

VI.

Edinburgh, May 20*th*, 1736, Sess. 7.

THE General Assembly called for the Report of the Commissioners sent to *London* by the late Assembly, to sollicite and endeavour the Redress of the Grievance of Patronage, and Repeal of the Act *anno decimo Annæ*, re-imposing the same; and they produced their said Report, with a Copy of their Address to his Majesty: The Tenor of which Address follows.

To the KING's *moſt Excellent Majeſty,*

The humble Addreſs of Mr. Alexander Anderſon, *Moderator of the laſt General Aſſembly of the Church of* Scotland, *Mr.* James Gordon *Miniſter, and Colonel* John Erskine *of* Carnock, *Ruling Elder, Commiſſioners appointed for that Church by the ſaid Aſſembly,* 1735.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

THE Church of *Scotland*, after great Sufferings, was at the late happy Revolution reſtored, by the gracious Providence of Almighty God, to the Poſſeſſion of her former Rights and Privileges ſo long contended for: His Majeſty King *William*, of immortal Memory, was then the glorious Inſtrument of her Deliverance, and at the ſame time of delivering *Great Britain* from Popery and Slavery.

Amongſt other great and worthy Things done at that memorable Juncture, for the Church and People of *Scotland*, the Power of Patrons to preſent Miniſters to Churches was aboliſhed, by an Act of Parliament, in Conſequence of the *Scots* Claim of Right in the Year 1690; for which the Patrons obtained a Recompence, and were alſo allowed to retain all the Temporal Benefits of Patronage, which they had formerly enjoyed.

By the ſame Act of Parliament, another Method of ſettling Miniſters in Churches was eſtabliſhed, in the Exerciſe of which, that great Point in the Conſtitution of a Church, *to wit*, the eſtabliſhing of a juſt Relation between Paſtor and People, was managed with much Calmneſs, Decency and Order: And the Miniſters thus eſtabliſhed, by the Divine Bleſſing on their Labour, were ſucceſsful in the Work of the Goſpel, and Religion and Loyalty daily gained Ground againſt prophane Principles and Practices, and againſt Diſaffection to the Civil Government.

By the Act of Union, which paſſed by the Parliaments of both the *Britiſh* Nations, and was made the fundamental Conſtitution of the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, this Freedom from the Preſentations of Patrons, and the ſaid Method

thod appointed for ſettling Miniſters in Churches, did, with the other Rights and Privileges of the Church and People of *Scotland*, become an eſſential and fundamental Part of the foreſaid Conſtitution of *Great Britain*.

Notwithſtanding whereof, certain diſaffected Perſons, at a Time when the moſt valuable Rights and Intereſts of *Britain* were thought to be in eminent Danger, had the Addreſs to procure an Act of Parliament in the 10th Year of the late Queen *Anne*, reſcinding the foreſaid Act of Parliament 1690, that aboliſhed the Power of Patrons to preſent Miniſters, and eſtabliſhed the Method of their Settlement in Churches: And that this was done in Reſentment againſt the Church of *Scotland*; and that further Threatnings were by theſe Perſons breathed out againſt her, for her firm and loyal Adherence to the Revolution Intereſt, and eſpecially to the Succeſſion of the Crown in your Majeſty's Royal Proteſtant Family, was not then denied, but boaſted of, and is ſtill remembered by all who obſerved theſe Times.

The bad Effects which have thence proceeded, to the Intereſts of Religion and Loyalty, none but an utter Stranger to *Scotland* can be unacquainted with, nor with the Grounds of Fear that theſe Evils may mightily increaſe till the Cauſe be removed.

The Church of *Scotland* having long waited for Redreſs of this heavy Grievance, and not having as yet obtained the ſame, did humbly believe it her Duty, now again to lay the Caſe, with the utmoſt Dutifulneſs, before your Majeſty, and to implore your moſt gracious and Royal Favour and Juſtice, for relieving her from theſe Hardſhips, which are the more affecting, becauſe of the lamentable Conſequences thereof, that ſeem to multiply and increaſe. Diſcontents and Diviſion appear to be growing upon the one hand, as does Diſaffection upon the other, whereby Irreligion and Licentiouſneſs are like to prevail.

As no Act of Parliament can be made or repealed, but by your Majeſty and Parliament, we, as commiſſioned by your Majeſty's Subjects of the Church of *Scotland*, (whoſe unſhaken Loyalty is teſtify'd even by her Enemies) do, with Hearts zealous for your Royal Perſon, Family and Government, and zealous alſo, we hope, for the Glory of God, and the Succeſs of the Goſpel, preſume moſt dutifully to approach your ſacred Perſon, as the Nurſing Father of the Church of Chriſt, and the Guardian of your People's

Rights and Privileges, and in Name and Behalf of our Conſtituents, moſt humbly to implore,

That it may pleaſe your moſt excellent Majeſty to favour the Repeal of the foreſaid Act of the 10*th of* Queen Anne, *that ſo the Church and People of* Scotland *may be reſtored to their juſt Right and Privilege, as to the ſettling of Miniſters, ſecured to them by the above mentioned Act of Union; And that Almighty God may greatly bleſs and proſper your Majeſty's Royal Perſon and Family, and may remarkably countenance your Government, and direct the ſame to his own Glory, your Majeſty's Honour, and the Welfare of your People; is the hearty Prayer of,*

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful, and moſt loyal Subjects,

ALEXANDER ANDERSON.
JAMES GORDON.
JOHN ERSKINE.

VII.

Act concerning Preaching.

Edinburgh, May 21ſt, 1736, Seſſ. 8.

THE General Aſſembly being moved with Zeal for the Honour of God, and our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; eſpecially at a Time when the Chriſtian Revelation is openly impugned, and Infidelity, Deiſm, and other Errors do ſo much prevail; They do hereby recommend to all Miniſters and Preachers, ſeriouſly to conſider and obſerve the Directory of this Church concerning the preaching of the Word, which is approven by the General Aſſembly 1645; and in particular, that they be careful

ful to warn their Hearers against any Thing tending to *Atheism*, *Deism*, *Arrianism*, *Socinianism*, *Arminianism*, *Bourignianism*, *Popery*, *Superstition*, *Antinomianism*, or any other Errors: And that in their Sermons they insist frequently upon the Truth, Necessity and Excellency of supernatural Revelation, the supreme Deity of the Son and Holy Ghost, as well as of the Father, together with the Oneness of the Godhead, our sinful and lost Estate by Nature, the Necessity of supernatural Grace, and of Faith in the Righteousness of Christ, without which the best Works cannot please God: And that they make it the great Scope of their Sermons to lead Sinners from a Covenant of Works to a Covenant of Grace for Life and Salvation, and from Sin and Self to precious Christ: And the General Assembly recommends to all who preach the Gospel, when they handle the Doctrines of God's redeeming Love, and of his free Grace in the Justification and Salvation of Sinners, the Blessings of the Redeemer's Purchase, and Privileges of the new and better Covenant, to study to manage these Subjects, so as to lead their Hearers unto an Abhorrence of Sin, the Love of God, and our Neighbours, and the Practice of universal Holiness, seeing it is one great End of the Gospel to destroy the Works of the Devil, and to teach Men to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present World. Upon which Account it is incumbent on all who preach the Gospel, to insist not only upon the Necessity and Excellency of Faith in Jesus Christ for Salvation, but also upon the Necessity of Repentance for Sin, and Reformation from it, and to press the Practice of all moral Duties, both with respect to the first and second Tables of the Law, as indispensibly necessary in Obedience to God's Command, to testify our Gratitude to him, to evidence the Sincerity of our Faith for the Benefit of human Society, the adorning the Profession of Religion, and making us meet for eternal Life, seeing without Holiness no Man can see the Lord.

And the Assembly do seriously recommend to all Ministers and Preachers of the Gospel, That in pressing moral Duties, or Obedience to the Law, they shew the Nature and Excellency of Gospel-holiness, and inforce Conformity to the moral Law, both in Heart and Life, not from Principles of Reason only, but also, and more especially of Revelation: And in order to attain thereto, it is necessary to shew Men the Corruption and Depravity of human Nature by their Fall in *Adam*, their natural Impotence for, and Aversion to, what is spiritually good, and to lead them to the true and only Source of all Grace and Holiness, *viz.*

Union with Christ, by the holy Spirit's working Faith in us, and renewing us more and more after the Image of God: And to let their Hearers know, that they must first be grafted into Christ as their Root, before their Fruit can be savoury unto God; that they must have a new Principle to animate, and a new End to direct them before their Actions become gracious, and acceptable in the Sight of God: And that they teach them the Necessity of living by Faith on the Son of God, in a constant looking to, and Dependance upon him, as the great Author of all gracious Influences, for the Performance of every Duty: And with all, that after their best Performances and Attainments, they must count them but Loss and Dung, in Point of Justification before God; and to make it their great Desire only to be found in Christ and his Righteousness. And that Ministers in Application of their Sermons, do endeavour rightly to divide the Word of Truth, speaking distinctly to such various Cases of the converted and unconverted, as arise natively from the Subjects they have been handling: And that in the whole of their Discourses, they take Care to suit themselves to the Capacity of their Hearers, as to Matter, Method and Expression, and to the prevailing Sins of the Time and Place, with all prudent and zealous Freedom and Plainness: As also, that they make Gospel Subjects their main Theme and Study, and press with all Earnestness the Practice of moral Duties in a Gospel-manner: And that they forbear delivering any Thing in publick, that may tend more to Amusement than Edification, and beware of bringing into their Sermons and publick Discourses, Matters of doubtful Disputation, which tend to gender Strife, rather than to promote the Edification of Christians. And the Assembly exhort all to study to maintain the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace.

And finally the General Assembly recommends to all Professors of Divinity, to use their best Endeavours to have the Students under their Care well acquainted with the true Method of preaching the Gospel, as above directed: And that Presbyteries at their privy Censure, inquire concerning the Observation of this Act.

VIII.

Act anent Acts reſciſſory.

Edinburgh, May 21*ſt*, 1736, Seſſ. 8.

THE General Aſſembly appoints and enacts, That no Act reſciſſory of any ſtanding Acts of the General Aſſembly be paſs'd, until ſuch Acts reſciſſory be firſt tranſmitted to the ſeveral Presbyteries of this Church, and their general Opinion had for reſcinding the ſame.

IX.

Act appointing Liſts of Probationers to be annually preſented to the General Aſſembly.

Edinburgh, May 21*ſt*, 1736, Seſſ. 8.

WHereas the Commiſſioners to the General Aſſembly, from the ſeveral Presbyteries within this Church, are, by Act of Aſſembly the 4th of *January* 1697, appointed to bring in Liſts of all the Students of Divinity, who have paſſed their Trials in order to the Miniſtry, to be annually preſented to the General Aſſembly, and recorded in their Regiſter: And whereas an Overture was tranſmitted by the laſt General Aſſembly to the ſeveral Presbyteries, for the more exact and effectual Execution of the ſaid Act; and whereas the Commiſſioners to this Aſſembly from ſeveral Presbyteries, have brought up Inſtructions with them, wherein they agree to ſeveral of the Regulations overtured for the better Execution of the ſaid Act; Therefore the General Aſſembly, in Conformity to the ſaid Inſtructions reported to them by their Committee, did, and do hereby enact and appoint, 1*mo*, That every Probationer reſiding for the Space of two Months, betwixt this and the

next Assembly, within the Bounds of any Presbytery in this Church, and in like manner annually hereafter, shall within the said Time present his License to the said Presbytery; and that the said Presbytery shall cause to be marked in their Register the said Probationer's Name, and likeways the Presbytety which licensed him. 2*do*, That each Presbytery shall extract from their Records annually, in *March* or *April*, a compleat List of all the Probationers then residing within their Bounds, or that resided therein for the Space before mentioned, immediately preceeding either of the said Months, mentioning in the said Extracts first the Names of the said Probationers licensed by themselves, and then the Names of the rest residing as above, together with the Names of the Presbyteries that licensed them.

3*tio*, That the said Extracts be annually made out upon the same Schedule, which bears the Presbytery's Commission to the Members sent yearly to the General Assembly, and be signed in like manner by the Moderator or Clerk; and that the said Extracts further mention the Names of such Students, as are presently under Trials before the said Presbyteries. 4*to*, That the Committee for examining Commissions to the Members of Assembly, shall annually make up a Roll of the said Probationers and Students from the above mentioned Extracts, according to the printed Orders of the several Synods and Presbyteries: And that the said Roll be presented to the General Assembly, as a Part of the said Committee's annual Report, and be recorded in the Assembly's Register.

X. *Act*

X.

Act and Recommendation for preserving Purity of Doctrine, and concerning Professor Campbell.

Edinburgh, May 21st, 1736, Sess. 8.

THE General Assembly resumed the Consideration of the Affair relating to Mr. *Archibald Campbell*, Professor of Divinity and Ecclesiastical History in the University of St. *Andrews*, they caused to be again read the Report of a Committee, appointed by the Commission of the late Assembly for Purity of Doctrine, brought in upon *Tuesday* last: And which Report had been since under Consideration of the Committee for Overtures, joined with the other Members of Assembly, who thought fit to attend their Meetings, and by that Committee amended and transmitted with their Approbation to the Assembly, as follows.

Report of the Committee for Purity of Doctrine, at Edinburgh March 16th, 1736.

The Committee having at several different Meetings considered the Explications offered by Professor Campbel, *to the Excerpts out of his Writings, which had been excepted against by several in this Church; And having given him Opportunity of declaring his Mind in the fullest Manner concerning them, in order to his giving full Satisfaction to the Objections proposed against him, (as their Minutes do shew) did this Day agree to make the following Report,* (viz.)

That at the last Meeting of the Committee in January, *the Heads of his Writings objected to, were reduced to* Four.

The first, Concerning the Inability of Men by their natural Powers, to find out the Being of a God.

The second, Concerning the Law of Nature's being sufficient to guide rational Minds to Happiness.

The third, Concerning Self-love's being the sole Principle and Motive of all virtuous and religious Actions.

The fourth, Concerning the Sentiments the Apostles entertained of our blessed Saviour, between the Time of his Death and the Day of *Pentecost*.

As to the first *of these, the Committee are of Opinion, That tho' the same, as it is delivered by the Professor in his* Oratio Academica, *is justly exceptionable, as tending to darken and render doubtful the Truth of natural Religion, and as appearing not to agree with our Confession of Faith,* Chap. 1st, Par. 1st, *and* Chap. 21. Par. 1. *and* Larger Catechism, Quest. 2. *nor with the Doctrine of the Apostle,* Rom. i. ——19, 20, 21. *Yet having heard his Explications and Defences upon this Head, and being persuaded that he had no Intention, by teaching such Doctrine, to enervate natural Religion, or to give any Handle or Countenance to the Enemies of it, but rather to shew the Necessity of a supernatural Revelation; therefore it is their Judgment, that this should not be insisted upon further than to recommend to him in the strongest Terms, not to teach, by Preaching or Writing, this Doctrine in any Time coming.*

As to the second, *viz.* That the Laws of Nature are in themselves a certain and sufficient Rule to direct rational Minds to Happiness, *which was apprehended by some to mean, that a supernatural Revelation of a Saviour, and Faith in him, were not necessary to the Happiness of fallen Man: The Committee having heard and considered his Explications, as well those contained in his Books, as those offered to the Committee, it does not appear to them, that this was his Meaning, he having declared fully his Persuasion of the Necessity of a Saviour and Faith in him, in order to our Justification and Salvation: Altho' they cannot but wish he had better guarded his Expressions upon this Point in the Preface to his Discourse,* The Apostles no Enthusiasts.

As to the third, *viz.* Self-love's being the sole Principle and Motive of all virtuous and religious Actions, *which was apprehended to make the Glory of God only a subordinate End, and a Regard to it only a subordinate Motive to the Desire of our own Happiness: The Committee having read and considered his Explications, and he having also declared before them, That by his saying, that the chief or sole Motive to virtuous and religious Actions, was the Desire of our own Happiness, he meant no more but that our Delight in the Honour and Glory of God, was that chief Motive. They therefore judge, That tho' the Expressions objected against, are too high on the Side of Self-love, (particularly his asserting it to be the sole Principle, Standard and Motive of all religious Actions) and cannot approve of several other too high Expressions he uses on this Subject, and are of Opinion it may be recommended to*

him, to abstain from using such high Expressions in Time coming: Yet they hope from what is above-mentioned, he has had no unsound Meaning in them.

As to the fourth *Head, in which it is taken Notice of, that Professor* Campbell *had affirmed,* That the Disciples, during our Saviour's Lifetime, only expected and hoped for a temporal Deliverance and worldly Kingdom; and that between his Death and Resurrection they concluded him to be a Cheat and an Impostor; *and further,* That before his Resurrection they had no Notion of his Divinity.

The Committee, altho' they are of Opinion, that Professor Campbell *has no just Ground for these Sentiments, and that they are too disrespectful to Christ's Disciples, whom he honoured to be his Apostles, and not consistent with several Passages of the Gospel History upon that Subject; yet considering that they contain only his conjectural Opinions concerning the inward Sentiments of other Men; and that our Confession and Catechisms teach nothing concerning these Matters: As also, That his Design was to give the greater Strength to his Arguments for vindicating the Apostles from Enthusiasm; are therefore of Opinion, That it may be sufficient to recommend it to him, in Time coming, to abstain from speaking so incautiously upon this Subject, and always to maintain the Honour that's due to the Memory of these eminent Instruments of propagating the Christian Faith thro' the World.*

The General Assembly having heard the Report of the Committee for Purity of Doctrine, in relation to some Writings of the Reverend Professor *Campbell*'s, and having at great Length heard Mr. *Campbell* himself upon it, as likeways several Members of the Committee, and many other Members of this Assembly; And finding, that with respect to the *first* Article of the Report, the Committee have declared in the Report it self their being persuaded, that Mr. *Campbell* had no Intention by teaching the Doctrine to which that Article relates, to enervate natural Religion, or to give any Handle or Countenance to the Enemies of it, but rather to shew the Necessity of supernatural Revelation. And with respect to the *second* Article, That it does not appear to them, that it was Mr. *Campbell*'s Meaning, that a supernatural Revelation of a Saviour and Faith in him, were superfluous, and not necessary to the Happiness of fallen Man. And with respect to the *third* Article concerning Self-love, That he had declared he meant no more, but that our Delight in the Honour and Glory of God was the chief Motive of all virtuous and religious

Actions. And with respect to the *fourth* Article, That the Sentiments to which it relates contain only Mr. *Campbell*'s conjectural Opinions, concerning the inward Sentiments of other Men; and that our Confession and Catechisms teach nothing concerning these Matters; as also, that his Design was to give the greater Strength to his Argument for vindicating the Apostles from Enthusiasm; Are of Opinion, That the examining and stating the Matter as has been done by the Committee for Purity of Doctrine, is sufficient for cautioning against the Errors that some at first supposed Mr. *Campbell* was guilty of, without giving any Judgment or formal Sentence upon the Report: And therefore do resolve and appoint, That the Matter rest here. And do recommend to the said Professor *Campbell*, and to all Ministers and Teachers of Divinity whatsoever, within this National Church, to be cautious in their Preaching and Teaching, or Writing, not to use doubtful Expressions or Propositions, which may be constructed in an erroneous Sense, or lead the Hearers or Readers into Error, however sound such Words or Propositions may be in themselves, or however well intended, but to hold fast the Form of sound Words.

XI.

Commission to some Ministers and ruling Elders for discussing divers Affairs referred to them.

At Edinburgh *the* 24*th* May 1736, Sess. 10.

THE General Assembly finding, That there are divers Affairs which they cannot overtake, do hereby nominate, commissionate, and appoint the Reverend Mr. *Lauchlan M'Intosh* Minister of the Gospel at *Errol* their Moderator; From the Presbytery of *Dunse*, Messrs. *John Home* at *Greenlaw*, *Robert Monteith* at *Longformacus*, Ministers, Mr. *George Buchan* of *Cumladge*, Ruling Elder; from the Presbytery of *Chirnside*, Messrs. *Robert Park* at

at *Foulden*, *James Landereth* at *Sympron*, *James Colden* at *Whitſome*, Miniſters, *Thomas Fordice* of *Ayton* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Kelſo*, Meſſrs. *James Ramſay* at *Kelſo*, *Joſeph Leck* at *Yetholme*, Miniſters, Mr. *Charles Binning* of *Pilmore* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Jedburgh*, Meſſrs. *John Douglas* at *Kirktoun*, *James Wincheſter* at *Jedburgh*, *William Turnbull* at *Abbots-Rule*, Miniſters, Sir *Gilbert Elliot* of *Minto*, Bart. one of the Senators of the College of Juſtice, Ruling Elder, the Right Honourable the Lord *Cranſtoun*, Ruling Elder, from the Burgh of *Jedburgh*; From the Presbytery of *Erſiltoun*, Meſſrs. *Henry Home* at *Gingle-Kirk*, *James Cunningham* at *Smelholme*, Miniſters, the Right Honourable the Earl of *Lauderdale*, Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Selkirk*, Meſſrs. *Gabriel Wilſon* at *Maxtoun*, *William Banantyne* at *Yarrow*, Miniſters, *Walter Scot* of *Merrilaw* Ruling Elder, Mr. *Gideon Shaw* of *Lawriſton* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Selkirk*; From the Presbytery of *Middlebie*, Meſſrs. *James Hunter* at *Dornock*, *Robert Malcolm* at *Ewes*, Miniſters, Mr. *John Irvine* of *Brotts* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Lochmaben*, Meſſrs. *David Wightman* at *Applegirth*, *John Nimmo* at *Johnſtoun*, and *John Irvine* at *Wamphray*, Miniſters, Mr. *Charles Erskine* his Majeſty's Sollicitor, Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Penpont*, Meſſrs. *Simon Riddel* at *Tynroma*, *William Moodie* at *Glencairn*, Miniſters, *James Hunter* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Dumfries*, Meſſrs. *Alexander Robertſon* at *Tinwald*, *Thomas Mack* at *Terreagles*, *William M'Millan* at *Torthorwald*, Miniſters, *James Currie* Provoſt of *Dumfries* Ruling Elder, and *George Bell* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Dumfries*; From the Presbytery of *Kirkcudbright*, Meſſrs. *William Mackie* at *Balmaghie*, *Robert Donaldſon* at *Balmaclellan*, *William Jamiſon* at *Rerick*, Miniſters, Sir *Thomas Gordon* of *Earlſtoun*, Bart. Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Wigtoun*, Meſſrs. *Robert Seton* at *Glaſſertoun*, *William Campbell* at *Kirkinder*, Miniſters, *James Bell* of *Gribdie* Ruling Elder, and *Hugh Hathorn* late Baillie of *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Whithorn*; From the Presbytery of *Stranrawer*, Meſſrs. *Archibald Marſhal* at *Kirk-Colme*, *John Anderſon* at *Kirkmaiden*, Miniſters, Mr. *Hugh Murray Kinninmond* of *Melgum*, Advocate, Ruling Elder, Baillie *Matthew Miller* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Stranrawer*, and *John M'Gowan* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Wigtoun*; From the Presbytery of *Air*, Meſſrs. *Mungo Lindſay* at *Dalgain*, *James Robertſon* at *Craigie*,

John M'Dermit at *Air*, *Robert Fiſher* at *Maybole*, *John Adam* at *Dalrymple*, Miniſters, Colonel *William Dalrymple* of *Glenmure*, and Mr. *Alexander Boſwel* younger of *Affleck* Advocate, Ruling Elder, and Baillie *John Lockhart* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Air*; From the Presbytery of *Irvine*, Meſſrs. *Andrew Cumming* at *Largs*, *John Fullarton* at *Dalry*, *Lawrence Hill* at *Kilmarnock*, Miniſters, the Rt. Honourable the Earl of *Glaſgow* Ruling Elder, and Mr. *William Warner* of *Ardier* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Irvine*; From the Presbytery of *Paiſly*, Meſſrs. *Robert Carrick* at *Houſtoun*, *John Pinkerton* at *Lochunnioch*, *George M'Vey* at *Mearns*, Miniſters, Sir *John Maxwell* of *Pollock*, Bart. Ruling Elder, and Mr. *Alexander Finlayſon* of *Neilſtoun* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Renfrew*; From the Presbytery of *Hamilton*, Meſſrs. *John Scot* at *Stonhouſe*, *James Miller* at *Shotts*, *John Currie* at *Eaſt-Munkland*, Miniſters, *John Muirhead* of *Bredisholme* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Lanerk*, Meſſrs. *James Gartſhore* at *Carmichael*, *James Braidfoot* at *Dunſyre*, *William Hamilton* at *Douglas*, Miniſters, Mr. *James Bogle* Secretary to the Royal Bank, Ruling Elder, and the Right Honourable *James* Earl of *Hyndford* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Lanark*; From the Presbytery of *Glaſgow*, Meſſrs. *Andrew Tait* at *Carmunnock*, *William Parlane* at *Eaglesholm*, *James Warden* at *Calder*, Miniſters, *Stephen Rouan* of *Haughead* Ruling Elder, *Andrew Ramſay* Provoſt of *Glaſgow*, Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Glaſgow*, Mr. *Neil Campbel* Principal from the College of *Glaſgow*; From the Presbytery of *Dumbarton*, Meſſrs. *Robert Mac-Farlane* at *Buchannan*, *James Robertſon* at *Luſs*, *William Brown* at *Kilmarnock*, Miniſters, *James Hamilton* of *Barns* Ruling Elder, and Mr. *George Smollet* of *Ingliſtoun* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Dumbarton*; From the Presbytery of *Dunoon*, Meſſrs. *Robert Glen* at *Lochgoilhead*, *Dugald Allan* at *Innerchallen*, Miniſters, Sir *James Campbell* of *Ardkinglas* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Kintyre*, Meſſrs. *James Boyes* at *Campbelton*, *John Campbell* at *Ilay*, Miniſters, Mr. *Alexander M'Millan* of *Dunmore* Ruling Elder, and the Rt. Honourable *Archibald* Earl of *Ilay* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Campbelton*; From the Presbytery of *Inverary*, Mr. *Archibald Smith* at *Craigneiſh*, Miniſter, *Colin Campbell* of *Kilbryde* Ruling Elder, and Captain *John Campbell* of *Lymefield* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Inverary*; From the Presbytery of *Lorn*, Meſſrs. *James Stevenſon* at *Ardchatton*, *James Forbes* at *Kilchrennan*, Miniſters, *John Campbell* Caſhier

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to the Royal Bank Ruling Elder; from the Presbytery of *Mull*, Meſſrs. *John M'Clean* at *Mull*, *Hector M'Clean* at *Cole*, Miniſters, *John Campbell* late Provoſt of *Edinburgh* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Dunkeld*, Meſſrs. *George Friar* at *Lethindie*, *John Gow* at *Cargill*, *John Gardner* at *Monedie*, *Alexander M'Culloch* at *Clunie*, Miniſters, his Grace *James* Duke of *Athole*, and Mr. *Alexander Murray* Baillie of *Athole*, Ruling Elders; From the Presbytery of *Perth*, Meſſrs. *Peter Pilmore* at *Forgandennie*, *James Faichney* at St. *Martin's*, *James Ramſay* at *Colleſſe*, *Thomas Shaw* at *Scoon*, Miniſters, *William Ferguſſon* late Provoſt of *Perth*, and *George Hay* of *Leys*, Ruling Elders, and *Colin Brown* late Provoſt of *Perth* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Perth*; From the Presbytery of *Stirling*, Meſſrs. *John Gray* at *Dollar*, *Henry Lindſay* at *Bothkennar*, *James Gordon* at *Alloa*, Miniſters, Mr. *Alexander Bruce* of *Kennet* Ruling Elder, and Mr. *James Erſkine* of *Grange* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Stirling*; From the Preſbytery of *Auchterarder*, Meſſrs. *William Hally* at *Muthill*, *Andrew Ure* at *Foſſoway*, *Patrick Provan* at *Trinity-Gask*, Miniſters, *James Fenton* of *Miln-Earn* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Dumblane*, Meſſrs. *Archibald Napier* at *Kilmadock*, *William Simpſon* at *Dumblane*, Miniſters, Mr. *Alexander Abercrombie* of *Tillibody* Advocate Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Dumfermline*, Meſſrs. *Ralph Erſkine* at *Dumfermline*, *John Geddes* at *Culroſs*, *Daniel Hunter* at *Carnock*, Miniſters, Colonel *John Erſkine* of *Carnock* Ruling Elder, and *James Beugo* Merchant in *Dumfermline* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Dumfermline*; *William Roxburgh* Baillie of *Innerkiething*, Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Innerkiething*; From the Preſbytery of *Kirkcaldie*, Meſſrs. *David Pitcairn* at *Dyſart*, *James Henry* at *Kinghorn*, *Robert Ponton* at *Kennoway*, Miniſters, Mr. *John Boſwell* of *Balmuto*, Ruling Elder, and Doctor *Robert Hay*, Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Kircaldy*, *George Irwing* of *Newton* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Dyſart*; From the Presbytery of *Coupar* Meſſrs. *William Knox* at *Darſie*, *William Miles* at *Moonſie*, *George Anderſon* at *Dunboig*, *George Boyes* at *Coupar*, Miniſters, the Right Honourable *Alexander* Earl of *Leven*, and Mr. *James M'Gill* of *Rankeiller*, Ruling Elders, Mr. *James Leſly* Advocate, Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Coupar*; From the Presbytery of St. *Andrews*, Meſſrs. *James Haddow* Principal of the New College of St. *Andrews*, *Alexander Anderſon* at St. *Andrews*, *Thomas Ayton* at *Kilconquhar*, *John Gellatly* at *Forgan* Mr. *Archibald*

chibald Campbell Professor of Ecclesiastick History in the University of St. *Andrews*, Ministers, *Alexander Walker* of St. *Fort*, and Dean of Gild *Watson* of St. *Andrews*, Ruling Elders; From the Presbytery of *Meigle*, Messrs. *James Ramsay* at *Bendochie*, *James Lyon* at *Blair-Gourie*, *Thomas Whithead* at *Kilgouldrum*, Ministers, *John Murray* of *Lintrose*, Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Forfar*, Messrs. *John Dougal* at *Rescobie*, *Thomas Brown* at *Kinnettles*, Ministers, *Thomas Adamson* Merchant, Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Dundee*, Messrs. *James Mar* at *Muirhouse*, *John Williſon* at *Dundee*, *Thomas Davidson* there, Ministers, *Patrick Maxwel* Provost of *Dundee* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Aberbrothwick*, Messrs. *Robert Trail* at *Panbride*, *James Moir* at *Kirkden*, Ministers, *James Doig* late Baillie of *Aberbrothwick*, Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Brechin* Messrs. *Robert Gray* at *Brichen*, *John Row* at *Naver*, *George Aitken* at *Montrose*, Ministers, *Alexander Miln* Baillie of *Montrose*, Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Fordoun*, Messrs. *Henry Hamilton* at *Glenbervie*, *William Trail* at *Bendholme*, *William Thomson* at *Mary-Kirk*, Ministers, *James Beatie* Merchant, Ruling Elder, and Mr. *Alexander Arbuthnot* of *Knox*, Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Bervie*; From the Presbytery of *Aberdeen*, Messrs. *John Bisset* at *Aberdeen*, *David Brown* at *Belhelvie*, *James Mitchel* at *Old-Machir*, *Thomas Rag* at *Dyce*, *George Chalmers* Principal of the King's College, *John Osburn* Principal of the Marishal College of *Aberdeen*, Ministers, *Hugh Hay* of *Park* Provost of *Aberdeen*, and Mr. *Daniel Braidfoot*, Ruling Elders; From the Presbytery of *Kincardine Oneil*, Messrs. *John M'Innes* at *Crathie*, *George Largue* at *Kinnarnie*, *William Abel* at *Lumphanan*, Ministers, Sir *Arthur Forbes* of *Craigievar* Baronet, Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Alford*, Messrs. *Theodore Gordon* at *Cabrach*, *Peter Reid* at *Clatt*, *James Lumsden* at *Strathdon*, Ministers, Mr. *William Grant* Advocate Procurator for the Church, Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Ellon*, Messrs. *Robert Innes* at *Udney*, *James Gilchrist* at *Foveran*, Ministers, *James Dick* Merchant in *Bomakessie*, Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Garioch*, Messrs. *Alexander Simpson* at *Monnymusk*, *Alexander Mearns* at *Inch*, *James Chalmers* at *Daviot*, Ministers, the Right Honourable the Lord *Drumore*, Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Deer*, Messrs. *John Mercer* at *Pitsligo*, *Robert Farquhar* at *Longside*, *William Hay* at *Crimond*, Ministers,

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the Right Honourable the Lord *Strichen*, Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Turreff*, Meſſrs. *John Stewart* at *Drumblate*, *Andrew Kerr* at *Turreff*, Miniſters Mr. *Alexander Garden* of *Troup* Advocate, Ruling Elder; from the Presbytery of *Fordice*, Meſſrs. *James Latie* at *Cullen* *James Philp* at *Boyndy*, Miniſters, the Honourable Mr. *Charles Hope-Weir* of *Craigiehall* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Strathbogie*, Meſſrs. *Walter Syme* at *Mortlich*. *John Ramſay* at *Cairnie*, Miniſters, Mr. *William Duff* of *Crombie* Advocate, Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Abernethie*, Meſſrs. *William Grant* at *Abernethie*, *Francis Grant* at *Duthell*, Miniſters, Sir *James Grant* of *Grant* Bart. Ruling Elder, From the Presbytery of *Aberlour*, Meſſrs. *John Paul* at *Rothes* *Hugh Grant* at *Knockandow*, Miniſters, the Right Honourable the Lord *Elchies* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Elgin*, Meſſrs. *Robert Mill* at *Spynie*, *Patrick Duncan* at *Longbride*, Miniſters, *Joſeph Milton* of *Brodie* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Forreſs*, Meſſrs. *John Crockat* at *Dallas*, *John Squyre* at *Forreſs*, Miniſters, Mr. *James Roſe* of *Brae* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Inverneſs*, Meſſrs. *James Leſly* at *Moy*, *Archibald Bannatyne* at *Dores*, Miniſters, *Duncan Forbes* of *Culloden*, Eſq; his Majeſty's Advocate Ruling Elder; From the Preſbytery of *Chanonry*, Meſſrs. *Duncan M'Intoſh* at *Arderſeer*, *John Wood* at *Roſemarkney*, Miniſters, Mr. *Alexander Gordon* of *Ardoch* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Tayne*, Meſſrs. *David Roſs* at *Tarbat*, *Robert Robertſon* at *Eddertoun*, Miniſters, *John Gorry* Factor to Sir *William Gordon* of *Inner-Gordon* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Dingwall*, Meſſrs. *Alexander Falconar* at *Urquhart*, *Andrew Robertſon* at *Kiltearn*, Miniſters, Mr. *Albert Munro* of *Coull*, Ruling Elder, and Captain *George Munro* of *Culcairn*, Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Dingwall*; From the Presbytery of *Abertarph*, Meſſrs. *Thomas Fraſer* at *Boleskine*, *John Stuart* at *Kilmanivaig*, Miniſters; From the Presbytery of *Sky*, Meſſrs. *Daniel M'Aulay* at *Braccadale*, *Daniel M'Queen* at *Cana*, Miniſters, *William M'Cleod* of *Eboſt* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Long-Iſland*, Meſſrs. *John M'Pherſon* at *Bara*, *Colin Mac-Kenzie* at *Lochs*, Miniſters, *Donald M'Neil* of *Vaterſay* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Gairloch*, Meſſrs. *John Beton* at *Glenſhiel*, *Æneas M'Aulay* at *Aplecroſs*, Miniſters, *Kenneth M'Kenzie* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Dornock*, Meſſrs. *James Smith* at *Creich*, *John Munro* at *Rogart*, Miniſters, *Andrew M'Culloch* Bail-

lie of *Dornoch* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Tongue*, Meſſrs. *Walter Roſs* at *Tongue*, *George Brodie* at *Edderachillis*, Miniſters, the Rt. Honourable *George* Lord *Reay* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Caithneſs*, Meſſrs. *James Oſwald* at *Dunnet*, *David Dunbar* at *Olrig*, Miniſters, the Rt. Honourable the Lord *Murkle* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Kirkwall*, Meſſrs. *William Mair* at *Holme*, *John Banantyne* at *South Ronaldſay*, Miniſters, the Rt. Honourable the Lord *Aberdour* Ruling Elder, and Baillie *Thomas Jamiſon* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Kirkwall*; From the Presbytery of *Cairſtoun*, Meſſrs, *James Weir* at *Orphir*, *John Nisbet* at *Sandwick*, Miniſters, Mr. *John Hay* of *Balbithan* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *North-Iſles*, Meſſrs. *Thomas Covingtrie* at *Sanday*, *Andrew Cowan* at *Weſtray*, Miniſters, *John Balfour* of *Trinabee* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Zetland*, Meſſrs. *William Maxwell* at *Dunroſeneſs*, *William Archibald* at *Unſt*, Miniſters, Captain *James Craigie* Merchant in *Lerwick*, Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, Meſſrs. *Neil M'Vicar* at *Weſtkirk* *James Nisbet* at *Edinburgh*, *William Guſthart* there, *William Robertſon* there, *Robert Kinloch* there, *Robert Hamilton* at *Cramond*, *Matthew Crawford* Profeſſor of Church Hiſtory in the Univerſity of *Edinburgh*, Miniſters, Mr. *James Baillie* of *Hardington*, Mr. *Thomas Rigg* of *Morton* Advocate, and Baillie *Robert Blackwood*, Ruling Elders, and *Alexander Wilſon*, Eſq; Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh*, and *James Syme* Deacon Conveener of the Trades, Ruling Elders from the City of *Edinburgh*; From the Church of *Campvere*, Mr. *Charles Jarvey* at *Campvere* and *Archibald M'Aulay* Eſq; Lord Conſervator of the *Scots* Privileges at *Campvere* Ruling Elder; from the Presbytery of *Linlithgow*, Meſſrs. *John Bonnar* at *Torphichen*, *John Brand* at *Borrowſtounneſs*, *John Brown* at *Abercorn*, *Patrick Bennet* at *Polmont*, Miniſters, the Right Honourable *Francis* Lord *Napier*, and *George Dundas* of *Dundas*, Ruling Elders, and Mr. *Alexander Hamilton* of *Innerwick* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Linlithgow*, Mr. *Charles Erskine* of *Edenshead* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Queensferry*; From the Presbytery of *Biggar*, Meſſrs. *John Bowie* at *Dolphingtoun*, *Robert Jack* at *Biggar*, Miniſters, *George Murray* Ruling Elder; from the Presbytery of *Peebles*, Meſſrs. *Alexander Couper* at *Traquair*, *Archibald Bruce* at *Manner*, *Alexander Robertſon* at *Ettleſtoun*, Miniſters, *Alexander Williamſon* of *Chapelhill* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Dalkieth*,

Meſſrs.

Meſſrs. *Thomas Turnbull* at *Borthwick*, *James Primroſe* at *Crichtoun*, *Adam Steel* at *Herriot*, Miniſters, Mr. *Robert Dundas* of *Arniſtoun* Advocate Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Haddington*, Meſſrs. *John Barclay* at *Morkam*, *James Glen* at *Dirletoun*, *George Murray* at *North-Berwick*, Miniſters, Mr. *Alexander Hamilton* of *Pancaitland* Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Dunbar*, Meſſrs. *Henry Shaw* at *Cockburnſpath*, *Matthew Reid* at *Preſtonkirk*, Miniſters, Mr. *Thomas Hamilton* Advocate Ruling Elder, the moſt Honourable *John* Marquis of *Tweddale* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Haddington*, Mr. *Hugh Hamilton-Dalrymple* Ruling Elder from the Burgh of *Dunbar*, And the Rt. Honourable *Alexander* Earl of *Buchan*, *David* Earl of *Marchmont*, *William* Lord *Roſs*, Sir *Hugh Dalrymple* of *North Berwick* Bart. Lord Preſident of the Seſſion, Sir *Walter Pringle* of *Newhall*, Mr. *Patrick Campbell* of *Monzie* two of the Senators of the College of Juſtice, Sir *John Clark* of *Pennycook* Bart. one of the Barons of his Majeſty's Exchequer, to be Commiſſioners of this General Aſſembly, to the Effects aftermentioned, with Power to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or their *Quorum*, which is hereby declared to be any thirty one of the ſaid Commiſſioners, whereof twenty one are always to be Miniſters, to meet and conveen within the Aſſembly-houſe at *Edinburgh*, the firſt free Day after the Diſſolution of this Aſſembly, at ten of the Clock Forenoon, and afterwards the ſecond *Wedneſdays* of *Auguſt*, *November* and *March* next to come, and oftner, when and where they ſhall think fit and convenient, with Power to the ſaid Commiſſioners to chooſe their own Moderator; and likewiſe the General Aſſembly fully impowers their ſaid Commiſſioners, or their *Quorum* abovementioned, to cognoſce, and finally determine, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe, in every Matter referred, or that ſhall be referred to them, by any Act or Order of this Aſſembly, and to do every Thing contain'd in, and conform to the Inſtructions given, or to be given by this Aſſembly, and to advert to the Intereſt of the Church, on every Occaſion, that the Church and preſent Eſtabliſhment thereof, do not ſuffer or ſuſtain any Prejudice, which they can prevent, as they will be anſwerable; providing always, that this general Clauſe be not extended to particular Affairs, or Proceſſes before Synods or Presbyteries, that are not of univerſal Concern to, or Influence upon the whole Church: And it is hereby appointed, that no private Proceſſes be determined, except at the four ſtated Dyets, and what ſhall be determined at

one Dyet of the Commiſſion, with Relation to private Cauſes, ſhall be unalterable by any other Dyet thereof, and ſhall ſtand and continue in Force, till diſapproven by the General Aſſembly: And the General Aſſembly renews the Inſtructions given by the General Aſſembly 1717 to their Commiſſion, and appoints the ſame to ſtand in full Force as Inſtructions to the Commiſſioners above-named, and to be obſerved by them in all Points, as if the ſame were ſpecially here inſert: And that they enquire into the publiſhing and ſpreading of Books and Pamphlets, tending towards the promoting of Opinions of whatever Kind, inconſiſtent with our Confeſſion of Faith; and that the Recommenders of ſuch Books or Pamphlets, or the Errors therein contain'd, whether by Word, Writ or Print, be called before the ſaid Commiſſion to anſwer for the ſame: And further the ſaid Commiſſion is hereby impowered to receive any References and Appeals that ſhall be made to them from Synods, in Matters of Doctrine, and ripen ſuch Affairs for the General Aſſembly: Likewiſe to take Care, that the Impreſſions of the Holy Scriptures, the Confeſſion of Faith, and Catechiſms, and ſuch Books as are authoriſed by this Church, relating to the Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline, and Government thereof, be correct, and give Directions about printing the ſame. They are alſo appointed at their firſt Meeting, to take under Conſideration all Repreſentations of the Growth of Popery within the Bounds of this National Church, and of Meeting-houſes not authoriſed by Law, which have been brought up to this and former Aſſemblies, or Commiſſions thereof, or may be further offered to this Commiſſion, and to apply to the Government for a proper Remedy and ſpeedy Redreſs. And the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby ſtrictly prohibited and diſcharged to meddle in any other Matters than what are committed and referred to them as above-mentioned: And in all their Actings, they are to proceed according to the Acts and Conſtitutions of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the Prejudice of the ſame; declaring, That in and for all their Actings they ſhall be accountable to, and cenſurable by the next General Aſſembly, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe. And this Commiſſion is to continue and endure until another Commiſſion be appointed; and the Members are required to attend the Diets of the ſaid Commiſſion, and Abſents therefrom ordered to be noticed, according to the 17th Act of the General Aſſembly 1706. And for the better ſecuring of a Quorum, and Attendance of Members on the Commiſſion, the General Aſſembly prohibits

hibites the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, or any other Presbyteries within twelve Miles thereof, to meet any of the Days or Weeks appointed for the Meeting of this Commiſſion; and ſuch of the Members of theſe Presbyteries, as are on the Commiſſion, are required all of them to give Attendance on the Diets thereof; and Presbyteries at a greater Diſtance, who have four or more Members on the Commiſſion, are to take Care, that at leaſt two of them attend each Diet of the ſame. And the Aſſembly recommend to their Commiſſion, at their firſt Meeting, to diſcuſs as many of the Cauſes and Queſtions relative to the Settlement of vacant Churches, which are, or ſhall be, referred to them by the Aſſembly, as they can overtake. And it is further provided, That when any Presbytery or Synod of this Church ſhall decline to comply with the Sentences of the Commiſſion, or to give the ſame a full Execution: In that Caſe the Commiſſion is hereby prohibited to execute the ſame, by appointing any ſuch correſpondent Meetings, as has been the Practice of late, but ſhall allow the Matter to ly over to the enſuing Aſſembly, to which ſuch Presbyteries or Synods ſhall be anſwerable for ſuch their Conduct: And are hereby appointed to ſend up with their Commiſſioners their Reaſons for the ſame. And the Aſſembly do further impower and direct the ſaid Commiſſion, to make due Application to the King and Parliament for Redreſs of the Grievance of Patronage, in Caſe a favourable Opportunity for ſo doing ſhall occur, during the Subſiſtance of this Commiſſion.

XII.

Act anent the Manner of electing the Members of the Commiſſion, and concerning their Powers.

Edinburgh, 24th May, 1736, Seſſ. 10.

THE General Aſſembly enacts, That for hereafter the Committee for naming the Members of the Commiſſion, be appointed to obſerve that due Proportion betwixt Miniſters and Elders, which obtains in the Aſſembly; and that Care be taken by them, that ſuch of the Nobility, Officers

of State, Lords of Seſſion, and Barons of Exchequer, who are to be ſuperadded to the Nomination, be in Time coming named from the ſeveral Presbyteries or Burghs, which they are to repreſent in Aſſemblies; and that ſuch others of them allenarly be ſuperadded, who cannot be named as above; and that this may be evident to the Members of the Aſſembly, the Clerks be appointed to extend the Rolls in the ſame Order with the Rolls of Aſſembly. *2do*, That when any Presbytery of this Church do not comply with the Sentences of the Commiſſions, relating to Settlement of Miniſters, or ſhall not give the ſame a full Execution, in that Caſe the Commiſſion be diſcharged to execute the ſame, by appointing any Correſpondent Meetings, but ſhall allow the Matter to ly over till the enſuing Aſſembly. *Laſtly*, And if any Presbytery refuſe to obey the Sentences of the ſaid Commiſſion, they are hereby required to give their Reaſons to the next General Aſſembly, to whom they are to be accountable for their Conduct therein; and they are hereby declared to be *ipſo facto* ſiſted before the then next General Aſſembly.

XIII.

Commiſſion to ſome Miniſters and Ruling Elders for Reformation of the Highlands and Iſlands of Scotland, *and for managing his Majeſty's Royal Bounty for that End.*

Edinburgh, 24*th May*, 1736. Seſſ. 18th.

THE General Aſſembly do hereby nominate, commiſſionate and appoint the Reverend Mr. *Lauchlan M'Intoſh* at *Errol* their Moderator, Mr. *Neil M'Vicar* at *Weſt-Kirk* his Majeſty's Almoner, Mr. *John Gowdie* Profeſſor of Divinity in the College of *Edinburgh*, Meſſrs. *Neil Campbell* Principal of the Univerſity at *Glaſgow*, *William Guſthart* at *Edinburgh*, *John Matthiſon* there, *Robert Bell* at *Cranſtoun*, *John Lumſden* at *Banchorie*, his Majeſty's

ty's Chaplains in *Scotland*, *James Wincheſter* at *Jedburgh*, *Robert Malcolm* at *Ewes*, *Archibald Marſhal* at *Kirkcolme*, *James Robertſon* at *Luſs*, *Archibald Smith* at *Craigniſh* *Alexander M'Culloch* at *Clunie*, *James Hadow* Principal of the new College of St. *Andrews*, *Alexander Anderſon* at St. *Andrews*, *James Lyon* at *Blair-Gowrie*, *George Chalmers* Principal of the King's College of *Aberdeen*, *Janes Mitchel* at *Old Aberdeen*, *John Ramſay* at *Botary*, *Alexander Robertſon* at *Kiltearn*, *Æneas M'Aulay* at *Applecroſs*, *James Smith* at *Creich*, *Andrew Cowan* at *Weſtray*, *James Nisbet* at *Edinburgh*, *William Robertſon* there, *Robert Kinloch* there, *Robert Hamilton* at *Cramond*, *James Smith* Principal of the College of *Edinburgh*, *John Bonnar* at *Torphichen*, *JohnShaw* at *Leith*, *Samuel Semple* at *Libertoun*, *James Walker* at *Canongate*, *John Walker* there, *George*, *Logan* at *Edinburgh*, *James Banantyne* there, *Matthew Wood* there, *George Fordice* at *Corſtorphine*, *John Taylor* at *Edinburgh*, *John Hepburn* there, *John Glen* there, *Thomas Pitcairn* at *Weſt-Kirk*, *Patrick Cuming* at *Edinburgh*, *James Stevenſon* at South *Leith*, *George Lindſay* at North *Leith*, *Robert Wallace* at *Edinburgh*, *George Wiſheart* there, and *David M'Colm* at *Duddingſtoun*, Miniſters; His Grace *James* Duke of *Athol*, the moſt Hon. *John* Marquis of *Tweddale*, the Rt. Hon. *Alexander* Earl of *Leven*, *John* Earl of *Glaſgow*, *Archibald* Earl of *Ilay*, *George* Lord *Reay*, Sir *Hugh Dalrymple* of *North-Berwick* Bart. Lord Preſident of the Court of Seſſion, *Duncan Forbes* of *Culloden* Eſq; his Majeſty's Advocate, Sir *Walter Pringle* of *Newhall*, Mr. *Hugh Dalrymple* of *Drumore*, Mr. *Patrick Campbel* of *Monzie* Mr. *Patrick Grant* of *Elchies*, four of the Senators of the College of Juſtice, Sir *John Clark* of *Pennycook* Bart. one of the Barons of his Majeſty's Exchequer, Mr. *James Erskine* of *Grange*, Mr. *Charles Erskine* of *Edenshead*, Mr. *Charles Erskine* of *Barjarg* his Majeſty's Sollicitor, Sir *James Grant* of *Grant*, Bart. Sir *Robert Munro* of *Fowlis* Baronet, Sir *James Campbell*, of *Ardkinglas* Baronet, Sir *James Campbell* of *Aberuchil*, Baronet Mr. *James Bogle* Secretary to the Royal Bank, Mr. *Alexander Bruce* of *Kennet*, Mr. *Robert Dundas* of *Arniſtoun*, Advocate, Sir *Thomas Gordon* of *Earlſtoun* Bart. Colonel *John Erskine* of *Carnock*, *Alexander Wilſon*, Eſq; Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh*, *George Drummond* late Provoſt there, *Archibald M'Aulay* Lord Conſervator, late Provoſt there, *Patrick Lindſay* late Provoſt there Mr. *William Grant* Advocate, Procurator for

the Church, *Thomas Dundas* of *Fingask*, Mr. *James Baillie* of *Hardington*, *Alexander Gordon* of *Ardoch*, *Albert Monro* of *Coul*, Mr. *George Buchan* of *Cumladge*, Doctor *John Riddel* Phyſician, Mr. *Thomas Rigg* of *Mortoun* Advocate, *Alexander Blackwood* Baillie in *Edinburgh*, *Hugh Hathorn* late Baillie there, *James Nimmo* late Baillie there, *Alexander Mitchel* of *Mitchel*, Mr. *Robert Hepburn* of *Baads*, Mr. *James Davidſon* late Treaſurer of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *Alexander Niſbet* of *Northfield*, *James Syme* Deacon Conveener of the Trades of *Edinburgh*, *John Paton Bookſeller* there, and *Nicol Spence* Agent for the Church, Ruling Elders, to be a Committee of this Aſſembly for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Iſlands* of *Scotland*, and for Management of the Royal Bounty given for that End, according to, and in Terms of his Majeſty's Grant; and the General Aſſembly do hereby renew the Powers granted to the ſaid Committee by the 8th Act of the late General Aſſembly, and whole Acts therein mentioned and former Commiſſions to the ſorſaid Committees, any ſeven of the foreſaid Perſons are declared to be a *Quorum*, whereof four to be Miniſters, and the foreſaid Committee are appointed to have their Meetings in the Place, and at the Times, mentioned in in the foreſaid 8th Act of the late General Aſſembly; and with Power to adjourn themſelves to ſuch Times and Places as they ſhall find needful, and to keep a Correſpondence with the Commiſſion of this Aſſembly, and the Society for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, and their Committee of Directors, and the Synods and Presbyteries concerned: And the General Aſſembly do by theſe Preſents, nominate, commiſſionate and appoint Mr. *William Grant* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, to be Receiver of the foreſaid Royal Bounty, and to pay out the ſame, as he ſhall be directed and ordered by the foreſaid Committee, and according to their Rules,

Act XIV.

XIV.

Act against Intrusion of Ministers into vacant Congregations, and Recommendation to Presbyteries concerning Settlements.

Edinburgh, May 25th, 1736, Sess. *ultima.*

THE General Assembly considering from Act of Assembly *August 6th*, 1575. *Second Book of Discipline*, Chap. 3. Par. 4. 6. and 8. registrate in the Assembly Books, and appointed to be subscribed by all Ministers, and ratified by Acts of Parliament, and likeways the Act of Assembly 1638, *December 17th* and 18*th*, and Assembly 1715, *Act 9th*. That it is, and has been since the Reformation the Principle of this Church, that no Minister shall be intruded into any Parish contrary to the Will of the Congregation, do therefore seriously recommend to all Judicatories of this Church, to have a due Regard to the said Principle in planting vacant Congregations; and that all Presbyteries be at Pains to bring about Harmony and Unanimity in Congregations, and to avoid every Thing that may excite or encourage unreasonable Exceptions in People against a worthy Person that may be proposed to be their Minister, in the present Situation and Circumstances of the Church, so as none be intruded into such Parishes, as they regard the Glory of God, and Edification of the Body of Christ.

XV. *Act*

XV.

Act against Perjuries in Custom-houses in Scotland.

Edinburgh, May 25th 1736. Sess. *ult.*

THE General Assembly taking to their serious Consideration the crying and multiplied Abominations of Perjury in many of the Custom-houses of *Scotland*, especially in the *French* Wine Trade, to the great Reproach of Religion, the Offence of all sober and good Men, a wasting of Conscience, and diffusing of most pernicious Example; and that Methods hitherto used for the suppressing of it, according to the Act of Assembly 1719, have not had the Effect that might have been justly expected from it, do not only renew their former Testimony against it in the Name of this Church, but also do order and enjoin all the Judicatories thereof, as there shall be Occasion, to use their best Endeavours to put a Stop to it, by the conscientious and impartial Use of all the Means appointed by the Lord Jesus against Scandals of such an hainous Nature.

XVI.

Act for better Observation of former Acts of Assembly concerning Students in Divinity, and Probationers.

Edinburgh, May 25th, 1736. Sess. *ult.*

THE General Assembly enjoins Presbyteries to take Care of the more punctual and exact Execution of the Acts of the General Assembly concerning Students in Divinity, and the Time of their studying, licensing Probationers, and anent Intrants to the Holy Ministry; and that none coming licensed from abroad be allowed

lowed to preach in *Scotland*, till they be re-examined, and come under the Engagements, and sign the *Formula* according to the 10th Act of the General Assembly 1711, and refers it to the Commission to consider the State of the Bursaries, and bring in their Opinion concerning the same to the next General Assembly.

XVII.

Act appointing the Diet of the next General Assembly.

Edinburgh, May 25th, 1736. Sess. *ult.*

THE next General Assembly of this National Church is appointed to be held at *Edinburgh* upon the second *Thursday* of *May* next, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and thirty seven.

The General Assembly was concluded with Prayer, and singing Part of the *46th Psalm*, from the Beginning to the *6th Verse*, and pronouncing the Blessing.

Collected and extracted from the Records of the General Assembly, by
WILLIAM GRANT, *Cls. Eccl. Scot.*

Overture concerning the Election of Members to the General Aſſembly.

THE General Aſſembly, for the more regular Election of Members of Aſſembly in Time coming, conſidering that it is already provided that the Election ſhall be made at leaſt 40 Days before the Meeting of Aſſembly, do hereby further enact, That hereafter each Presbytery of this Church (excepting theſe lying in the Northern or Weſtern Iſles) ſhall make their Elections yearly, within a Month preceeding the firſt of the ſaid 40 Days, and that every Presbytery, without Exception, ſhall appoint the Day of Election by an Order of the Presbytery, at an ordinary Meeting, to be entered in their Minutes, at leaſt ten free Days before ſuch Election; and that on the Day of Election, the Presbytery ſhall make their Elections betwixt the Hours of one and eight in the Afternoon; and that the Burghs and Univerſities, who ſend Members to the Aſſembly, ſhall in like Manner appoint the Days of their Elections, at an ordinary Meeting of their Council or Univerſity reſpectively, at leaſt ten Days before the Day of ſuch Elections. The Aſſembly tranſmits the above Overture to the ſeveral Preſbyteries of this Church, that they ſend their Opinion to the next General Aſſembly, whether the ſame ſhall be turned into a ſtanding Act, and mean Time recommends that the ſame be obſerved as a Rule, till the next Aſſembly.

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AFTER Sermon, by Mr. *Alexander Anderſon* Moderator of the laſt General Aſſembly, the Miniſters and Ruling Elders Members of this Aſſembly did conveen, and the Roll having been made up by the Clerk, and two Commiſſions from the Presbytery of *Garioch* to different Perſons, being produced, it was agreed that neither of them be called in the Rolls, untill the Aſſembly give their Deciſion in the Matter. Delayed likewiſe a Queſtion concerning a Commiſſion from the Univerſity of St, *Andrews*, to their Repreſentative in this Aſſembly. *May* 13th, *Seſſ.* 1.

Mr. *Lauchlan M'Intoſh* Miniſter of the Goſpel at *Errol* was choſen Moderator. *Ibid.*

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A Committee for Overtures named. *Ibid.*

A Committee for Bills, References and Appeals. *Ibid.*

A Committee for examining Commiſſions to Members of this Aſſembly, and to name Miniſters to preach before his Grace his Majeſty's Commiſſioner, and to receive in the Liſts of Probationers and Students in Divinity, and all

all Letters of Excuſe for Abſence of Members, were appointed to be laid before the ſaid Committee; and they were appointed to take under Conſideration, and hear Parties concerned upon the double Election of the Presbytery of *Garioch* of different Perſons to be their Repreſentatives in this Aſſembly; and to examine into the Reaſons of the Presbytery of St. *Andrews* for their not atteſting Profeſſor *Campbell*'s Commiſſion from the Univerſity there. *Ibid.*

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A Committee of Perſons out of each Synod, is appointed to reviſe the Regiſter of the Commiſſion of the late General Aſſembly, audite the Procurator and Agent's Accounts, conſider the State of the Church's Publick Money, and to prepare Overtures about the ſame, agreeable to the 7th Act of Aſſembly 1712, and 8th Act of Aſſembly 1719, and all Petitions, and other Claims whatſoever, for any Share of the Publick Money, appointed to be laid before the ſaid Committee; and they were appointed to prepare any Overtures and references made by the late Commiſſion to this Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

A Committee named to reviſe the Regiſter of the Proceedings of the Committee appointed by the late Aſſembly for managing the Royal Bounty, granted for Reformation of the Highlands and Iſlands. *Ibid.*

Committees were named to reviſe the Synod Books of *Merſe* and *Teviotdale*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, *Fife*, *Aberdeen*, *Roſs*, *Murray*, *Sutherland* and *Caithneſs*, *Orkney*; *Lothian* and *Tweddale*, and Presbytery Book of *Zetland*, and reſolved, That the Reaſons for not producing the Synod Books of *Dumfries*, *Galloway*, *Glaſgow* and *Air*, *Argyle*, and *Angus* and *Mearns* be afterwards enquired into. *Ibid.*

A Committee is named to receive in from the Commiſſioners from the ſeveral Presbyteries, their Synod's and

Presbytery's Inſtructions, and any Overtures they offer, and to claſs the Matters therein contain'd: Alſo for conſidering the State of the Church in the North, and Highlands and Iſlands particularly, concerning Popery and Superſtition, and prepare Overtures for preventing and ſuppreſſing the ſame, and to report to the Committee for Overtures, that they may prepare the ſame for the Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee who inſpected the Commiſſions to Members of this Aſſembly brought in, and thereupon all the Commiſſions ſuſtained, except that from the Univerſity of St. *Andrews*, which is to be afterwards conſidered; and reſolved that the Aſſembly will proceed to judge of the Elections of the Presbytery of *Garioch* this Diet. *Ibid.*

Suſtained the Excuſe offered by the Presbytery of *Cairſton* for their not ſending Commiſſioners to this Aſſembly; and ordered, that the Synods, in whoſe Bounds the Presbyteries of *Mull*, *Deer*, *Fordice*, *Aberlour*, *Elgin*, *Abertarph*, and *Skye* are, be deſired to enquire into the Reaſons why theſe Presbyteries have not ſent Repreſentatives to this Aſſembly. *Ibid*

Proceeded to conſider the two Elections of Commiſſioners from the Presbytery of *Garioch* to this Aſſembly, and ſuſtained the ſecond Election, made the 13th of *March* laſt by the Presbytery at a full Meeting, and annulled a former Election, made the 11. *Feb.* laſt, by only five Members, whereof two had diſſented from their Brethrens proceeding to the Election that Day. And inſtructed the Committee for Overtures to prepare ſome proper Overture for preventing the like Practices in Time coming. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee for reviſing Commiſſions, concerning the Commiſſion from the Univerſity of St. *Andrews* to Profeſſor *Campbell* brought in, and delayed the Queſtion thereanent, till the Report of the Committee of the late Commiſſion for Purity of Doctrine, to which the Presbytery of St. *Andrews* make a Reference, in their Reaſons for not atteſting the ſaid Commiſſion, be conſidered, and the Committee for Overtures inſtructed to call for, and proceed upon the ſaid Report. *May* 17th *Seſſ.* 4.

An Appeal of the Commiſſioners from the Presbytery of *Aberdeen*, from ſeveral Sentences of the Synod of *Aberdeen*, with reſpect to the Settlement of a Profeſſor of Divinity in the King's College of *Old Aberdeen*, and the accepting a dimiſſion from Mr. *John Lumſden*, of his paſtoral Relation at *Nether-Banchory* brought in; the Aſſembly

bly named a Committee to hear Parties, and report a State of the Case To-morrow. *Ibid.*

A Petition of the Presbytery of *Forress*, relating to the Settlement of Mr. *Daniel Monro* Probationer, to be Minister at *Old Earn*; and appointed the said Presbytery, notwithstanding the 8th Act of Assembly 1716, to allow the said Parish a Hearing of the foresaid Mr. *Monro*, and upon his thereafter obtaining a Call from that Parish in a regular Manner, to proceed to his Trials and Settlement as Minister thereof, according to the the Rules of this Church, *May* 18th, *Sess.* 5.

Approved of the Proceedings of the Committee of the last Assembly, for managing his Majesty's Royal Bounty for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, and ordered their Register to be attested. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee named to consider and state the Affair relating to the Settlement of a Professor of Divinity, in the King's College of *Aberdeen*, brought in, the Assembly found, That the whole Matter, with regard to the Election and Admission of the said Professor and Objections to the Electors, is meerly civil, and so not cognoscеable by the Synod or Assembly: And that the Question, as to loosing Mr. *Lumsden's* Relation from the Parish of *Banchory*, is a Matter simply ecclesiastick: That the Synod's taking this Matter complexly, and upon the Complaint of the Delegates, was irregular, in respect of the Incompetency; and the Synod's approving of the Proceedings of the Electors was improper and incompetent: That the Synod's judging the Presbytery Parties, in the Question asto loosing Mr. *Lumsden's* Relation was erroneous, and of Consequence their after Proceedings void and null, That their receiving Mr. *Lumsden's* Dimission, which had not been offered to the Presbytery of *Aberdeen*, nor the Parish of *Banchory* allowed an Opportunity to object to it, was irregular and precipitant; and also Mr. *Lumsdean's* offering the same in the Manner he did; and therefore that his Relation to the Parish of *Banchory* is not yet legally dissolved. And the Assembly remitted the Application formerly made for loosing Mr. *Lumsdean's* said Relation to *Banchory*, together with his Dimission, to the Presbytery of *Aberdeen*, with this Instruction, That they hear the Parish thereupon; and if no extraordinary Reasons be offered, nor other Reasons than what have been already under the Consideration of the Synod or General Assembly, That the Presbytery dissolve his Relation

from that Parish. And the Assembly impowered their Commission finally to determine in any Dispute or Question, that may be brought before them concerning this Affair. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee for Purity of Doctrine, transmitted *simpliciter* from the Committee for Overtures, and the same remitted to the said Committee for Overtures; and that all the Members of Assembly who shall be present, have Liberty to reason in the Affair. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission, to determine in a Process about planting the Parish of *Penpont*, at their Meeting in *August* next, and Recommendation to the Presbytery of *Penpont*, to deal with the Parties concerned, and use Endeavours to obtain Harmony in Settlement of a Minister in that Parish. *Ibid.*

Remit to the Committee for Overtures, to consider a Letter from the Synod of *Aberdeen*, about certain Divinity Bursers at the Marischal Colledge of *Aberdeen*, whereof Sir *Alexander Ramsay* of *Balmain* is Patron. *May* 19. *Sess.* 6.

Report of the Visitors of the Commission Book, brought in, and the said Book ordered to be attested, with a Reservation as to their Decisions about planting the Parishes of *Monikie* and *Dennie*, which are to be afterwards considered by this Assembly, upon the Complaints entered there against. *Ibid.*

The late Commission thanked for their Faithfulness and Diligence in the Matters committed to them. *Ibid.*

Overtures concerning Preaching, double Election of Members to the Assembly, Acts rescissory, and concerning Lists of Probationers, read, and ordered to ly on the Table till another Diet. *Ibid.*

Recommendation for a voluntary Collection to be made at all the Parish Church Doors within *Scotland*, for enabling the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge, to prosecute the pious Purposes of their Erection, and to remit the Money to Mr. *James Davidson* Bookseller in *Edinburgh*, Treasurer to the foresaid Society. And Recommendation to the several Presbyteries to enquire who of their Members have not personally contributed for the said Society, and to put them in mind of it. *Ibid.*

The Commissioners sent by the late Assembly to *London*, appointed to give in their Report in writing. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission finally to decide in an Appeal of the Kirk-session of *Temple*, from the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweddale*, in a Process of Adultery against *John Tait* Tenant in that Parish. *Ibid.*

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A Complaint againſt the late Commiſſion's Sentence, ordering the Settlement of Mr. *James Stirling*, as Miniſter of *Dennie*, and another Complaint againſt the Presbytery of *Stirling*, for not executing the foreſaid Sentence, brought in, and a Reſolution to hear this Cauſe next to that of *Kinnaird*. *Ibid.*

Remit to a Committee to confer with certain Pariſhioners of *Stow*, who have not Freedom to ſubmit to the Miniſtry of Mr. *David Duncan*, Miniſter of that Pariſh, and endeavour to ſettle Matters in an amicable Manner. *Ibid.*

A Committee named to confer with Parties concerned in an Appeal of Mr. *Robert Young* Miniſter at *Leſly*, from certain Proceedings of the Presbytery of *Kirkcaldy* with regard to him, and report. *Ibid.*

The former Recommendation to Deficients in the Synods of *Lothian*, *Fife*, *Glaſgow*, and *Merſe*, to contribute for a new Erection at *Norrieſtoun*, in the Presbytery of *Dumblane*, renewed. *Ibid.*

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Remit to the Commiſſion to determine in any Proceſs, that may be brought regularly before them, about planting the Pariſh of *Alyth*. *Ibid.*

Diſjunction of the Pariſh and Miniſter of *Aſſint* from the Presbytery of *Tong*, and Annexation of the ſame to the Presbytery of *Dornoch*, for this Year till the next General Aſſembly, and no longer, unleſs the Pariſh of *Aſſint* ſhall apply to the next Aſſembly, to have it further continued. *Ibid.*

Recommendation to Deficients, to contribute for defraying the Expence of the new Erections at *Duirneſs* in *Strathnaver*, and Reference to the Commiſſion as to the other Particulars in the Petition of the Presbytery of *Tong*, *viz.* The allowing a *Viaticum* yearly to a Commiſſioner from them to the General Aſſembly; The Annexation of the Pariſhes of *Kildonan* and *Reay* to the ſaid Presbytery of *Tong*; the giving them Advice about inrolling Mr. *John Skeldo* Miniſter at *Farr* as one of their Members; The providing a Burſe for Mr. *George M'Kay* Student in Divinity, and the recommending of Mr. *John Munro* Probationer to theſe concerned in the Pariſh of *Southuiſt*, for his being ſettled there. *Ibid.*

Remit to the Committee upon the publick Accounts, to conſider a Claim for defraying upon the Church's Ex-

pence, a Proceſs for Settlement of a Stipend to the Miniſter of *Reay*, and another Claim in behalf of Mr. *Æneas Sage* Miniſter at *Lochcaron*, for refounding him of ſome Expences laid out on Proceſſes for Stipends, &c. to his Pariſh. *Ibid.*

Reſolution to hear a Complaint againſt the Commiſſion of the Aſſembly 1733, about Settlement of the Pariſh of *Troquire*; and next to it a Reference of the Presbytery of *Lochmaben*, about the Settlement of the Pariſh of St. *Mungo*, and after it a Cauſe about planting the Pariſh of *Monikie*. Ibid.

Viſitors appointed for the Synod Book of *Angus* and *Mearns*. *May* 20. *Seſſ.* 7.

The Report of the Commiſſioners ſent to *London* by the late Aſſembly, to ſollicite and endeavour the Redreſs of the Grievance of Patronage, produced in Writing, and their Diligence unanimouſly approven: Alſo a Copy of the ſaid Commiſſioners their Addreſs to his Majeſty; and the Aſſembly gave their hearty Thanks to the moſt Hon. the Marquis of *Lothian* for his Countenance and Aſſiſtance to the ſaid Commiſſioners, in proſecuting the Ends of their Miſſion; and the foreſaid Commiſſioners got the Aſſembly's Thanks for their Faithfulneſs in the Execution of the Truſt committed to them. *Ibid.*

A Committee named to conſider the Report of the Commiſſioners ſent to *London*, and what is proper for the Church to do, as Matters now ſtand. *Ibid.*

Parties in the Affair about Settlement of the Pariſh of *Kinnaird*, heard, and Deciſion delayed. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee upon Mr. *Robert Young*'s Appeal brought in, and delayed. *Ibid.*

The Members of this Aſſembly from the ſeveral Synods, appointed to meet, and propoſe Perſons to be of the Committee for nominating the Members of the Commiſſion. *May* 21. *Seſſ.* 8.

The Report of the Committee about Mr. *Robert Young*'s Appeal, That no further Proceedings be made in the Matter as it ſtands, but the ſame be dropt. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee about the Affair of *Kinnaird*, brought in, and the Aſſembly find, That Mr. *George Blaikie* Probationer, cannot be admitted Miniſter at *Kinnaird*, but that the Pariſh muſt be otherwiſe ſettled, according to the Rules that obtain in this Church. *Ibid.*

Overture concerning preaching read and approven. *Ibid.*

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Overture about Profeſſor *Campbell* at St. *Andrews* brought in and approven. *Ibid.*
The Committee for Purity of Doctrine got the Aſſembly's Thanks, for their great Pains, Faithfulneſs and Diligence in the Affair committed to them, relating to Profeſſor *Campbell*. *Ibid.*
The Synod Books of *Merſe* and *Teviotdale*, *Fife*, *Aberdeen*, *Murray*, and *Lothian* and *Tweddale*, and Presbytery Book of *Zetland*, atteſted, and Excuſes offer'd for the Synods of *Galloway*, *Drumfries* and *Glaſgow* and *Air*, for their not having their Books brought up, were ſuſtain'd. *Ibid.*
Recommendation to the Synods of *Roſs*, *Sutherland* and *Caithneſs* and *Murray*, in favours of *Katharine Dunoon* Relict of Mr. *Robert Finlay* ſometime Miniſter at *Roſemarkny*, for Charity. *Ibid.*
Several Petitions produced for Charity to Perſons in indigent Circumſtances, and referred to a Committe. *Ibid.*
A Liſt of Perſons in the ſeveral Synods brought in, and appointed as a Committee to draw the Commiſſion, and Inſtructions to, and name the Members of the Commiſſion of this Aſſembly. *May* 22*d*, *Seſſ.* 9.
Reſolution of the Aſſembly, upon the Report of the Commiſſioners ſent to *London*, with relation to Patronages, That the Church is by her Duty and Intereſt obliged to perſiſt, in uſing her beſt Endeavours, from Time to Time, to be relieved from the Grievance of Patronage, until the ſame ſhall, by the Bleſſing of God, prove ſucceſsful; and Direction to the Commiſſion to make due Application to the King and Parliament, for Redreſs of the ſaid Grievance, in caſe a favourable Opportunity for ſo doing ſhall occur; and ſome of the Grounds in Law ſet forth, upon which the Aſſembly apprehend that Claim is founded, being the Laws made for the Eſtabliſhment of this Church at the Revolution, and ſolemnly confirmed at the Union of the two Kingdoms. *Ibid.*
Overture about regulating the Commiſſion read, and ordered to ly upon the Table till another Meeting. *Ibid.*

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The Procurator and Agents Accounts laid upon the Table, and remit to the Committee for Overtures, to conſider the Manner in which the Charges of the Commiſſioners ſent to *London* ſhall be defrayed. *Ibid.*

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The Report of a Committee for nominating the Members of the Commiſſion of this Aſſembly, and drawing Inſtructions to them, brought in and approven, *May* 24. *Seſſ.* 10.

Reference to the Commiſſion to judge in any Queſtion that may be brought regularly before them, about planting the *Scots* Congregation at *Rotterdam*. *Ibid.*

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The Report of a Committee named to bring in the Draught of a Commiſſion to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty, approved. *Ibid.*

Overtures againſt Intruſion of Miniſters upon vacant Congregations, and concerning the Planting of vacant Churches read, and ordered to ly upon the Table till another Sederunt. *Ibid.*

The Complaint of certain Pariſhioners of *Dennie*, and others, againſt the Commiſſion of the late Aſſembly's Sentence, ordering the Settlement of Mr. *James Stirling*, as Miniſter of that Pariſh diſmiſt, and the Presbytery of *Stirling* appointed to proceed to the ſaid Settlement, and a Committee named to confer with ſome Perſons Oppoſers thereof. *Ibid.*

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Act approving the Accounts of Mr. *William Grant* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, his Intromissions with his Majesty's Allowance for defraying the Expence of the Church Affairs, and Salaries of their Officers for the Term of *Midsummer* last and Preceedings, and discharging him thereof, with an Order that he be charged in his next Accounts with a Ballance of 100 *l.* 11 *s.* 3 *d.* Halfpenny in his Hands. *Ibid.*

Act approving the Accounts of *Nicol Spence* Agent for the Church, his Intromissions with the Church's Money, preceeding 1st *May* current, and discharging him thereof, except a Ballance of 39 *l.* 11 *s.* 6½ *d. Sterl.* to be charged upon him in his next Account. *Ibid.*

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Remit to the Commiſſion to conſider the Deſign of Mr. *David M'Colm* Miniſter of *Dudingſton*, his publiſhing an *Engliſh* and *Iriſh* Dictionary. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion to give Advice to the Presbytery of *Mull*, in a Proceſs againſt Mr. *Daniel M'Lauchlane* late Miniſter at *Ardnamurchan*. *Ibid.*

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Reference to the Commiſſion to cognoſce and finally determine in a Cauſe about planting the Pariſh of St. *Mungo*. *Ibid.*

The Liſts of Probationers and Students in Divinity given in, and the Names of the Probationers ordered to be recorded. *Ibid.*

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